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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Omar Flores-Sanchez
Mitsushige MURATA, et al.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3724
Appln. No.: 10/691,541)	
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Filed: October 24, 2003)	
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Commissioner for Patents
Post Office Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on October 24, 2003.

To date, Applicants have not received an Official Action on the merits from the
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating that the case has been examined.

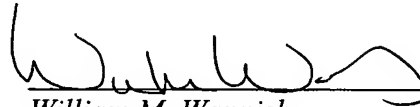
Applicants respectfully request that an Official Action be issued in the above-
identified application.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below-listed address.

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